

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 18, add new claims 19-21 and cancel claims 4,5, and 10-17 as follows:

18. *(Twice Amended)* A method for thawing a frozen biopharmaceutical solution, the method comprising:
~~heating the biopharmaceutical solution, when at least a portion of the biopharmaceutical solution is frozen, using a heating element coupled to a container which contains the biopharmaceutical solution; and~~
~~inducing oscillatory motion to the biopharmaceutical solution to thaw the at least a portion of the biopharmaceutical solution using an oscillatory driver adapted to be coupled to the biopharmaceutical solution; and~~
~~wherein the driver inducing the oscillating motion rolls the container from a first position to a second position and the driver rolls the container a distance from the second position toward the first position.~~
19. *(New)* A method for thawing a frozen biopharmaceutical solution, the method comprising:
~~heating the biopharmaceutical solution held in a container, when at least a portion of the biopharmaceutical solution is frozen;~~
~~moving the container from a first position to a second position along a surface wherein the first position and the second position are separated by a distance; and~~
~~moving the container a second distance from the second position toward the first position.~~

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20. *(NEW)* A method for thawing a frozen biopharmaceutical solution, the method comprising:
heating the biopharmaceutical solution held in a container, when at least a portion of the biopharmaceutical solution is frozen;
operatively moving the container from a first position to a second position wherein the first position using a motor driving a linkage, and the second position are separated by a distance; and
moving the container a second distance from the second position toward the first position.
21. *(New)* A method for thawing a frozen biopharmaceutical solution, the method comprising:
heating the biopharmaceutical solution held in a container, when at least a portion of the biopharmaceutical solution is frozen;
step for moving the container from a first position to a second position along a surface, wherein the first position and the second position are separated by a distance; and
step for moving the container a second distance from the second position toward the first position.

REMARKS

Without acquiescing to the appropriateness of the rejections in the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, claim 18 has been amended and new claims 19-21 have been added. Entry of the amendments, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of all claims pending herein it is respectfully requested in view of the remarks below. Claims 2, 3, 6-9, and 18-21 are now pending.